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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

Claim 33, which is independent, is pending. Claim 33 is hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced. Claims 1-32 and 34-38 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of any subject matter. It is submitted that this claim, as originally presented, was in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to the claim are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

Claim 33, which was indicated as allowable, has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of claims 25 and 32.

Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claim 33 is patentable.

CONCLUSION

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In view of the foregoing remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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